Subsidy on Fertilizers

1381. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;:

(a) the quantity of Fertilizers produced consumed/imported and exported during the last three years; and

(b) the amount of Central subsidies given to the fertilizer industry in the country during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Details of production, consumption, imports and exports of fertilisers and subsidies on fertilisers during the period from 1988-89 to 1990-91:—

(Quantities in nutrient terms/lakh MTs)

Year	Production	Imports	Consumption	Subsidies (Rs. in crores)	Exports
1988-89	89·64	16·08	110·40	3200·70	Nil
1989-90	85·43	31·14	115·68	4542·10	Nil
1990-91	90·45	27·58	125·76*	4389·32	0·156**

*Estimated figures.

**Represents 10,000 Mts of DAP and 20,000 MTs of Urea exported to Nepal.

Prices of Seeds

1382. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the present prices offered by the Agricultural Seed Corporation is not remunerative for production of quality seeds; and

(b) whether Government propose to enhance the prices to be paid for the seeds purchased by the Seed Corportion of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Procurement prices on seeds to the contract growers are fixed keeping in view the prices fixed by the State Seeds Corporations and the prevailing grain prices in the local Agricultural market/ mandies.

Salinity in Indo-Gangetic Planes

1383. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land salinity in the Indo-Gangetic planes has been increasing

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to tackle the problem and increase fertility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major reasons for the development of soil salinity in Indo-Gangetic planes are drainage congestion improper wateruse, presence of hard pan in the upper soil layers, topographical reasons, etc.

(c) To control the problem of soil salinity the Command Area Development Programme of the Ministry of Water Resources envisages the following measures:

(i) on-farm development Works of constructing the field channels Land levelling and Land shaping;

(ii) provinding adequate water drainage;

(iii) encouraging conjunctive use of surface and ground water;

(iv) adoption of suitable croping pattern; and

(v) creation of awareness among the farmers for more efficient and judicious use of water through adaptive trails, demonstration training programmes and extension efforts.

In other arcas, adoption of suitable cropping pattern, application of soil amendments and drainage are advocated.

Cultivation of hops in Himachal Pradesh

1384. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;:

(a) whether it is a fact that hops are turning into a big money spinner in Lahaul and Spiti valley of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is still much scope of its cultivation there;

(c) if so, the action being taken in this regard;

(d) whether any rescarch has also been carried out to increase the yield of hop there; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State Government is providing 50% subsidy on inputs and also training to farmers for cultivation of hops. Besides they have also targetted to cover an additional area of 100 hectare under hops during VIIIth Five Year Plan period by proposing the following assistance:—

(i) Propagation and supply of Plant material to the growers for new plantation.

(ii) Training of farmers in hops production and processing.

(iii) Provision of incentives in the form of 50% subsidy on various inputs for the establishment of hops plantation.

(iv) Provision of field demonstration of hops culture.

(v) Establishment of processing facilities for the processing of the produce.

(vi) Creation of effective marketing channel for the remunerative disposal of produce.

(d) and (e) The Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu has been conducting research work on hops regarding adoptive field trials, training to farmers on propagation and processing and collection of germplasm. The technology deloped by this Laboratory has been utilised by the State of Himachal Pradesh. Besides, the University of Horticulture & Technology Solan has proposed to carry out research work for the development of agrotechnology for hops culture and processing during VIIIth Five Year Plan period.

उत्तर प्रदेश में पशु अस्पताल

1385. **श्री ईशदत्त यादव :**
श्री राम नरेश यादव :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश की प्रत्येक ग्राम पंचायत में पशु अस्पताल को सुविधा नहीं दी गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उत्तर प्रदेश की प्रत्येक ग्राम पंचायत में ऐसे अस्पताल कब तक खोले जाने की सम्भावना है; और

(ग) उत्तर प्रदेश में जिला-वार कितने पशु-अस्पताल कार्य कर रहे हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०सी० लेंका) : (क) से (ग) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।